

Chattahoochee-Oconee Riparian Project (\$4,000,000). I would ban earmarks as we know them, but as long as these earmarks are available, I'm going to apply for them in an effort to pursue federal funding opportunities for my district. For non-defense projects in the current earmarking system, I work closely with local governments, civic organizations, non-profits and business development authorities to identify and prioritize projects important to local communities in Georgia's Eighth Congressional District (and sometimes elsewhere). I only request funds for projects authorized by law for federal funding and do not do so for private parties or entities. This project will allow the Oconee National Forest to purchase a 901 acre property along Cedar Creek, a tributary of the Ocmulgee River. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce forest management challenges, protect water quality, and protect endangered species. Beneficiary: Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest, 1755 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, GA 30501.